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## Amendments to the Claims under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

Claims 1-26 (cancelled).

Claim 27 (currently amended): An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising the nucleotide sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 3, wherein the isolated nucleic acid molecule does not further comprise residues 88-120 or residues 604-633 of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1.

Claims 28-48 (cancelled).

Claim 49 (currently amended): An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding a polypeptide having the ability to bind TNF, wherein said polypeptide comprises the amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 4, and wherein said polypeptide does not comprise residues 30-40 or 202-211 of the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2.

Claims 50-63 (cancelled).

Claim 64 (previously presented): The isolated nucleic acid molecule of Claim 49, wherein said polypeptide further comprises an amino-terminal methionine.

Claims 65-66 (cancelled).

Claim 67 (previously presented): An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding a polypeptide having the ability to bind TNF, wherein said polypeptide consists of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4.

Claim 68 (previously presented): An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding a polypeptide having the ability to bind TNF, wherein said polypeptide consists of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4 and an amino-terminal methionine.